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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

TAD SCHLATRE, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

V.

MARATHON DIGITAL HOLDINGS,
INC. f/k/a MARATHON PATENT
GROUP, INC., MERRICK D.
OKAMOTO, FREDERICK G. THIEL,
and SIMEON SALZMAN.

Defendants.

Case No. 2:21-cv-02209-RFB-NJK

**DECLARATION OF CORY JAY WIEDEL
IN SUPPORT OF HIS MOTION FOR
APPOINTMENT AS LEAD PLAINTIFF**

I, Cory Jay Wiedel, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare as follow:

1. I respectfully submit this Declaration in support of my motion for appointment as Lead Plaintiff in the above-captioned securities class action (the “Action”) against Marathon Digital Holdings, Inc. f/k/a Marathon Patent Group, Inc. (“Marathon” or the “Company”). I have personal knowledge about the facts stated herein and could competently testify to them if called to do so.

2. I currently reside in Omaha, Nebraska. I have a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. I am currently self-employed as the owner of Smash My Trash, located in Omaha, Nebraska where I oversee two employees. I have been investing in securities for twelve years. Further, I

1 have experience hiring and overseeing attorneys for routine business matters.

2 3. I am both capable and qualified to serve as the lead plaintiff in the Action. By
3 virtue of my significant financial interest in the resolution of the Action, I am motivated to litigate
4 vigorously, efficiently, and to the best of my ability to maximize the potential recovery for myself
5 and the Class I seek to represent.

6 4. Prior to seeking appointment as lead plaintiff in the Action, I communicated with
7 attorneys at Levi & Korsinsky, LLP about the lead plaintiff process, the responsibilities of a lead
8 plaintiff, and how the Action would progress after a lead plaintiff is appointed. I understand that
9 a lead plaintiff is required to direct the litigation on behalf of the Class, stay apprised of all
10 material developments of the litigation, and that I would owe fiduciary duties to the Class to act
11 in its best interest.

13 5. I understand that I was not required to seek appointment as lead plaintiff in order
14 to recover. Rather, based on my financial interest, I decided to seek lead plaintiff appointment
15 than remain an absent class member.

17 6. After discussing the responsibilities of serving as a lead plaintiff and being
18 satisfied that Levi & Korsinsky, LLP would adequately serve as lead counsel based on the firm's
19 experience, resources, and past successes, I signed a retainer agreement with Levi & Korsinsky,
20 LLP and authorized the firm to file a lead plaintiff motion on my behalf. I understand that my
21 counsel is submitting this declaration along with a timely application for appointment as lead
22 plaintiff on my behalf.

1 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing
2 statements related to myself are true and correct.

3 Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cory Jay Wiedel".

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5 Name: Cory Jay Wiedel

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7 Date: 2-14-22

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